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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

HON. WILLIAM D. STEPHENS,

Governor of California.

SIR: For the Board of Directors I have the honor to submit the report of the Industrial Home of Mechanical Trades for the Adult Blind, for the thirty-second year of its existence as a state institution.

The financial, manufacturing, and administrative report accompanying is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, made by Acting Superintendent Mr. T. A. Williston.

Special attention is called to that part of the report covering the subsistence of the inmates, as showing economy of management. The cost of food per day was 29 cents for each inmate, or 9⅔ cents per meal. An inspection of the daily menu discloses that for this low cost was served an abundant, varied, and well-balanced diet.

The institution during the year was in charge of Mr. T. A. Williston as Acting Superintendent. He has been connected with the Home for eighteen years and in contact with all of its departments and activities. This proved fortunate when the prolonged illness of Superintendent Sanders gradually and finally entirely withdrew him from active management.

The Board of Directors announcing the death of Mr. Sanders, which occurred on October 2, feels that it is disclosing a grievous loss to the state. From its records the board copies the following expression:

> "With a feeling of profound sorrow the Directors of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind order record made of the death, on October 2, 1917, of Joseph Sanders, superintendent of this institution by appointment in 1887, and reappointment in 1899.
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> "Here he developed and put in operation the first practical and sustained institution for aiding those who lose sight in adult age. Others in Europe and in the United States had striven with the problem, but its solution was left to him.
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> "Himself blind from early childhood, he knew the unreliability of private charity. He knew the effect of mere pity for the blind, and while appreciative of sympathy and sentiment he found in them no sure foundation of any system for a permanent amelioration of the condition of the adult blind. He found them taken from the various occupations, skilled and unskilled, with their usefulness in any ended by misfortune.
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> "He believed that the true method lay in restoring to them a part in the productive activities of life, and upon this foundation he began to develop this institution and perfected it as the model for all the world to follow. He knew that idleness is the destroyer of self-respect, and that without self-respect neither man nor woman can be a reputable part of any community.

"Knowing the problem to involve psychology and productivity, he built here a community of industrious and self-respecting blind, and made them a part of the industrial forces of the state.

"For the most of three decades he prosecuted this work, and the result is around us in comfort and happiness of the blind, and in the housing and equipment which issued from his genius and his success. No word that we can inscribe here will do full justice to his memory and his work. Time will level these substantial walls. Every aspect here of art and nature will change, but as long as accident and disease rob adult men and women of their sight and transfer them from a world of light to a world of darkness, his name and the memory of his work will live to inspire hope in the sightless, and point to others the way to their relief."

At its regular meeting December 11, 1917, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Douglas Keith to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Sanders. Mr. Keith has had long experience with the blind in various institutions, and the directors are confident that under his management the Home will continue successfully in line of the well worked out plans of his lamented predecessor.

Through failure to secure an adequate supply of broom corn the shops were closed on June 30 and did not reopen until September 13. The period of idleness in the best working season of the year was much regretted by the blind mechanics, and was an injury and loss to the institution.

Theretofore the authorities of the Home, left discretion in the purchase of manufacturing supplies, had taken advantage of the market to secure sufficient stock to insure a full year's run. The change in the purchasing policy of the state, which treated factory supplies the same as widely different articles now used by all the state institutions, caused this loss.

It would be well for the legislature to consider a change in the law which would exclude from the jurisdiction of the State Purchasing Agent the purely manufacturing supplies of the Home, leaving them to the experience and discretion of the officers of the institution.

In the last report for 1916 attention was called to the keen interest in the adult blind aroused in Europe by the war. The new methods used in warfare enormously increase the cases of blindness in the various armies. The reference to this subject caused a demand for copies of that report which exhausted the edition. Our own military authorities have now taken up the subject; their attention thereto being due to our country's entry into the war.

We may expect the return to our state of a large number of war-blinded men. To care for them will require additions and enlargements to this institution. I strongly urge present attention to this subject.

These soldiers should not be left to depend upon the various ineffective charities and sentimental activities. No soldier should feel that he is dependent on charity. Here he should find his place in the self-supporting community, and, with his self-respect unimpaired, continue an active citizen of the country for which he fought as a soldier.

The next legislature will be asked to consider the increased demands on this institution caused by war, and that patriotic necessity should be met by a cheerful and liberal response.

JOHN P. IRISH,
President of the Board.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this twenty-sixth day of December, 1917.

C. L. COLOM,
Notary Public in and for the County
of Alameda, State of California.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report, for the year ending June 30, 1917.

The general health of the inmates has been good, considering that some of the members are past middle age, and are broken down in health so that, really, they should be in an old people's home for the blind, rather than at the Industrial Home.

During the past year we have admitted: 16 males and 4 females: total, 20.

Nationalities.

Americans	16
German	1
Scotch	1
Porto Rican	1
Irish	1
Total	20

Causes of Blindness of Inmates.

Accident	5
Measles	1
Scarlet fever	2
Glaucoma	1
Poison oak	1
Loss of sleep	1
Paralysis of optic nerves	1
Cataract	1
Brain fever	1
Infection	1
Progressive myopia	1
Salt rheum	1
Unknown	3
Total	20

Deaths.

Accident at Thirty-sixth and Grove streets	1
Died from anesthetic	1
Total	2

Respectfully submitted.

A. F. MAINE, M.D.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, June 30, 1917.

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the provisions of section 4, subdivision 11, of the act governing the Home, I herewith submit to you my report of affairs and conditions of the Home for the year ending June 30, 1917.

The year just ending is the thirty-second of the Home's existence, and the eighteenth in which it has been under the control and management of your superintendent, Mr. Joseph Sanders, since his reinstatement by your honorable body in 1899.

Annexed hereto are presented the several statistical tables of the affairs of the Home required to be set forth in this report.

Officers of the Home.

Superintendent	Joseph Sanders	$2,100 00
Secretary	Geo. S. Meredith	600 00
Physician	A. F. Maine, M.D.	1,200 00

Employees of the Home and Their Rate of Compensation per Month.

Clerk of the Home	T. A. Williston	$100 00
Matron	Mrs. A. Sanders	50 00
Assistant matron	Miss O. B. Smith	45 00
In charge of women	Miss L. Gilbert	40 00
Engineer	A. Hayward	55 00
Watchman	J. Soloman	40 00
First cook	A. Valeria	60 00
Assistant cook	E. Rivest	35 00
Waitress	Miss Caswell	25 00
Waitress	Miss H. Coryell	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. N. Fisk	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. N. Koprian	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. A. Smith	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. J. Soloman	25 00
Waitress	Miss A. Wardlaw	25 00
Head Janitor	J. Hamilton	35 00
Assistant janitor	J. Clifford	25 00
Laborer	J. McAverney	25 00
Gardener	W. Gustafson, per day	3 00
Total		$688 00

Inmates Employed by the Month.

Shop Assistant	D. Weider	$37 50
Shop Assistant	W. A. Plowman	30 00
Shop Assistant	T. E. Mitchell	25 00
Teacher (men)	J. M. Thompson	25 00
Total		$117 50

Employees of the Shop, and Their Rate of Compensation per Month.

Shop assistant	F. Stulz	$30 00
Driver of auto delivery	Howard Reese	38 00
Teacher (women)	Mrs. T. Dysart	25 00
Total		$93 00

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1917.

Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of—
1. Maggie Aitkens*	Oct. 1, 1887	28	California.
2. W. E. Allen	June 15, 1910	19	California.
3. A. C. Ackerman	June 30, 1916	43	California.
4. G. Beetschen	May 31, 1917	33	Iowa.
5. W. H. Boyle	April 17, 1913	51	New York.
6. M. J. Bryan	April 6 1909	42	Ireland.
7. Jessa Bowles	Oct. 10, 1913	26	California.
8. U. Bautisti	May 30, 1909	44	Mexico.
9. P. M. Behan	Mar. 23, 1898	34	Ireland.
10. J. E. Buskirk	May 6, 1905	34	Indiana.
11. Anna Brissell	Mar. 30, 1888	28	New York.
12. Isabella Cinega	Feb. 9, 1890	29	California.
13. Margaret Clifford	Oct. 25, 1898	25	California.
14. C. N. Crum	June 6, 1913	47	Kansas.
15. J. Coffey	Dec. 1, 1890	29	California.
16. E. Coleman	Aug. 13, 1907	20	Wisconsin.
17. T. Carr	June 9, 1905	50	Ireland.
18. Mrs. C. C. Denlis	June 3, 1914	53	Iowa.
19. Ella Drew	Oct. 13, 1915	51	Ireland.
20. L. Denlis	Dec. 30, 1904	19	California.
21. Leon Dominic	Nov. 10, 1908	58	Columbia, S. A.
22. Fred Dodge	Feb. 23, 1908	28	California.
23. E. DeWitt	Oct. 22, 1907	32	New York.
24. Viola Dowdell	Mar. 16, 1903	37	Virginia.
25. A. W. Dunbar	Mar. 30, 1915	51	Ohio.
26. E. H. Esgate	April 22 1917	22	California.
27. H. H. Emmerson	Oct. 6, 1915	68	Missouri.
28. E. S. Ellsworth	June 11, 1915	69	Boston, Mass.
29. A. Escala†	June 12, 1910	56	Spain.
30. W. G. Furber, Jr.	July 20, 1916	22	California.
31. Mrs. M. K. Foster	Sept. 29, 1916	62	Iowa.
32. Sarah Fryberg	June 25, 1904	27	Germany.
33. W. Flannigan	Dec. 9, 1896	35	New York.
34 Alice Fields	June 12, 1895	25	Maine.
35. E. H. Guthrie	Dec. 14, 1916	59	Michigan.
36. R. H. Gittoe	Feb. 21, 1915	59	New York.
37. J. F. Gomez	Dec. 23, 1915	49	Mexico.
38. C. J. Gusman	Dec. 23, 1913	52	California.
39. F. Gonzalves	July 14, 1903	18	California.
40. Helen Gittoe	May 23 1890	26	Germany.
41. A. Gibbons	April 8, 1910	39	Missouri.
42. T. George*	Aug. 1, 1907	37	California.
43. S. D. Grant	April 4, 1906	19	Michigan.
44. J. Giblin	May 22, 1907	52	California.
45. S. E. Henderson	Sept. 11, 1916	33	California.
46. R. E. Hussey	Sept. 30, 1915	43	California.
47. W. T. Hall	Nov. 29, 1915	41	Sweden.
48. Rose Husa	Feb. 3, 1915	30	Nebraska.
49. Geo. Holdorf	Feb. 22, 1915	38	Indiana.
50. Jue Sam Hing†	June 11, 1915	53	China.
51. G. W. Hartman	April 8, 1913	32	Nebraska.
52. Clara Haight	Oct. 12, 1903	43	California.
53. M. Hogan	Dec. 11, 1910	72	Ireland.
54. H. Hansen	Nov. 10, 1908	63	Denmark.
55. Lizzie Hannah‡	Sept. 7, 1887	41	England.
56. P. Hoban	Sept. 22, 1893	44	Ireland.
57. Pauline Howe	Feb. 2, 1889	29	California.
58. Regina Johnson	Nov. 12, 1912	37	California.
59. D. Kane	April 25, 1910	27	California.
60. F. King	June 13, 1890	17	Massachusetts.
61. D. Kraskey	June 16, 1890	18	Minnesota.
62. M. L. Licon	Aug. 15, 1916	22	Texas.
63. Rachael de La Rosa	Nov. 30, 1914	52	Mexico.
64. S. A. Liggins	Sept. 30, 1915	50	Illinois.
65. Lizzie Logan†	Oct. 7, 1891	22	California.

*Inmates died during the year, 2. †Inmates left the Home during the year, 7. ‡Inmates on leave of absence, 7. Inmates admitted during the year, 20. Inmates on the roll July 1, 124. Total number of inmates on the roll June 30, 1917, 136.

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1917—Continued.

Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of—
66. J. Leon	May 20, 1912	44	Ohio.
67. T. Luddy	May 7, 1910	44	California.
68. W. Lang	Oct. 23, 1911	56	Canada.
69. G. McKenzie	Feb. 5, 1917	48	Scotland.
70. Clorinda M. Mange	Aug. 20, 1915	21	California.
71. Alex. McDonald	Feb. 3, 1915	34	England.
72. A. B. McDonald	Nov. 25, 1914	60	Nova Scotia.
73. Maud A. Murphy	June 9, 1915	22	California.
74. N. Miller	June 6, 1913	55	Austria.
75. Mrs. L. I. Morgan	Mar. 14, 1912	53	Texas.
76. J. H. Kuhle	Dec. 5, 1911	62	Pennsylvania.
77. F. A. Muswick	Oct. 20, 1913	48	Germany.
78. T. E. Mitchell	April 21, 1914	46	California.
79. H. H. Maxwell	April 28, 1913	48	Tennessee.
80. Celia Marks	April 11, 1911	45	California.
81. H. Moeckel	July 13, 1909	34	California.
82. Margaret Morrison	Aug. 9, 1909	48	California.
83. J. McDonald	July 12, 1905	37	Ireland.
84. Mollie McCabe	June 30, 1911	56	Indiana.
85. C. Martin	Sept. 3, 1903	44	Sweden.
86. Clem P. Martin	Mar. 22, 1888	26	New York.
87. C. S. Morgan	Dec. 8, 1904	41	California.
88. Mrs. E. Matlock	Dec. 16, 1899	35	Virginia.
89. Dorinda Mullaney	Nov. 11, 1899	27	New York.
90. J. Nolan	May 18, 1902	48	Ireland.
91. N. P. Neilson	July 28, 1903	31	Sweden.
92. J. Nall	Nov. 2, 1902	21	Illinois.
93. L. Orth	Sept. 2, 1895	37	California.
94. F. B. Policy†	Oct. 27, 1913	37	Missouri.
95. C. H. Policy†	April 28, 1913	39	Missouri.
96. P. Peterson	Nov. 24, 1910	27	Norway.
97. O. Phillips	Feb. 11, 1911	20	California.
98. J. Pasco	Dec. 20, 1905	45	England.
99. J. Paulsen	Aug. 22, 1904	45	Sweden.
100. Eliza Parker	Aug. 30, 1893	46	California.
101. W. A. Plowman	June 1, 1899	46	Kansas.
102. Alice Richardson†	Jan. 28, 1913	42	Scotland.
103. B. L. Rank†	Mar. 13, 1916	36	South Dakota.
104. Johanna Redderhoff	Feb. 20, 1913	66	Netherlands.
105. W. Renneck	Mar. 20, 1907	29	California.
106. Lou Reynolds	Aug. 15, 1916	29	Minnesota.
107. J. E. Romero	Jan. 28, 1917	21	California.
108. George Richville	April 26, 1896	19	Mississippi.
109. H. S. Smith	Sept. 11, 1916	58	Missouri.
110. W. M. Sack	Nov. 10, 1916	82	Germany.
111. Margaret T. Silva†	May 15, 1917	37	California.
112. Ira Sheely	Oct. 7, 1915	21	Ireland.
113. John J. Smith	Nov. 11, 1915	71	Germany.
114. C. S. Stanton	Sept. 2, 1911	46	New York.
115. C. W. Shaw	April 24, 1914	47	Michigan.
116. A. Scott	June 30, 1910	60	Ohio.
117. W. H. Smith†	Sept. 5, 1901	59	New York.
118. Wm. Staggs	Nov. 1, 1888	23	California.
119. Mrs. W. Staggs	Jan. 30, 1908	54	California.
120. Carl F. G. Scheller†	June 18, 1917	28	California.
121. F. R. Smith	June 3, 1909	55	Illinois.
122. Mrs. C. Smith	Mar. 15, 1915	61	California.
123. Mrs. M. Smith	July 16, 1914	60	Scotland.
124. J. Sexton	April 27, 1885	42	Ireland.
125. W. Shakeley	Aug. 29, 1893	44	Pennsylvania.
126. V. Svillicich	Sept. 15, 1908	47	Austria.
127. D. Thessereau	Mar. 30, 1907	49	California.
128. J. M. Thompson	May 23, 1900	48	Tennessee.
129. F. B. Taylor	June 9, 1892	45	Maine.
130. Thomas Walsh	Oct. 4, 1915	41	Ireland.
131. H. Winn†	July 16, 1916	25	Nebraska.
132. C. F. Webe†	July 20, 1916	22	California.

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1917—Continued.

Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of —
133. F. L. Wilson	Nov. 20, 1916	51	California.
134. O. C. Wilson	Nov. 20, 1916	40	California.
135. Jacob Woolner†	Jan. 25, 1916	51	Germany.
136. F. Woods	Aug. 29, 1910	34	California.
137. A. Wirtz	Nov. 10, 1908	52	Germany.
138. W. Watson	Aug. 16, 1912	26	California.
139. Goda T. Wells	Aug. 25, 1906	49	California.
140. Viola Whipple	June 29, 1895	49	California.
141. D. Weider	Nov. 1, 1901	36	Iowa.
142. W. H. Walker†	April 2, 1914	24	California.

Inventory of Raw Material on Hand June 30, 1917.

159	gross broom locks at 40 cents per gross	$63 60
170	pounds bale rope at 18 cents per pound	30 60
464	pounds broom twine at 51 cents	236 64
583	pounds broom twine at .3325 cents	193 85
4	pounds brush twine at 76 cents	3 04
4	pounds sack twine at 51 cents	2 04
175	toy handles at $13.50	23 62
720	brush rods at $10	7 20
400	yards burlap at .085 cents	34 00
924	pounds galvanized wire at $6.75	62 37
912	pounds broom wire at $7.60	69 31
464	pounds broom wire at $7.50	34 80
4,000	broom handles, maple, warehouse at $30	120 00
40,000	broom handles, maple, carpet at $29.85	1,194 00
1,100	broom handles, cedar, parlor at $20	22 00
4,300	broom handles, straight taper at $20	86 00
5,000	brass tacks at $1.50	7 50
50	pounds tacks, 6 oz. and 8 oz. at 25 cents	12 50
50	pounds nails, 1¾ inch No. 14 at $4.90	2 45
100	pounds No. 7 nails at $4.50	4 50
40	pounds staples, copper, at 9 cents	3 60
3	gross caps, whisk, plush at 24 cents	72
5	gross caps, whisk, nickel at 90 cents	4 50
3,650	pounds rattan at .045 cents	164 25
10,000	broom bands at $12	120 00
2,500	broom bands at $17.50	43 75
1½	tons Eastern broom corn at $200	300 00
15	tons California broom corn at $175	2,625 00
300	pounds sulphur at $3.40	10 20
35	pounds bluestone at 15 cents	5 25
¾	pounds broom dye at $10	7 15
13,000	feet chair cane, superfine, at 55 cents	7 50
56,000	feet chair cane, fine, at 61 cents	34 16
85,000	feet chair cane, narrow medium at 61 cents	51 85
1	bale coir (estimated value)	15 00
	Total	$5,602 95

Brooms Manufactured, Sold and Delivered.

Brooms on hand July 1, 1916	7,810
Brooms manufactured from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917	100,044
Total	107,854
Brooms sold and delivered during the year ending June 30, 1917	106,166
Brooms on hand June 30, 1917	1,688
Whisks on hand July 1, 1916	2,950
Whisks manufactured from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917	23,920
Total	26,870
Whisks sold and delivered during the year ending June 30, 1917	26,597
Whisks on hand June 30, 1917	273

Manufacturing Statement for the Year Ending June 30, 1917.

Brooms manufactured	100,044
Whisks manufactured	23,920
Chairs reseated	1,874
Broom bags manufactured	4,600
Mattresses manufactured	118
Pillows manufactured	12
Sheets manufactured	79

Inventory of Manufactured Stock on Hand June 30, 1917.

110 8/12 dozen brooms at $1	$562 67
22 9/12 dozen whisks at $1	22 75
Total	$585 42

Summary of Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1917.

	Provisions	Furniture	Salaries	Wages	Fuel and Light	Drugs
1916.						
July	$915 51		$1,057 70	$819 60	$170 34	$11 30
August	1,097 50	$1 08	1,117 10	723 50	222 83	9 10
September	1,036 77	23 75	1,075 00	675 75	177 47	36 84
October	1,228 81	102 47	1,050 55	820 00	256 78	13 24
November	1,140 73	15 75	1,022 00	857 10	262 63	12 00
December	1,077 72	17 19	1,022 00	784 95	336 80	19 55
1917.						
January	1,011 41	101 33	1,022 00	877 10	348 51	18 20
February	1,005 93		1,019 00	760 45	337 46	16 60
March	1,126 67	23 45	1,040 00	808 60	250 35	15 77
April	1,110 41		1,046 00	799 50	41 50	46 21
May	1,119 51	58 80	1,028 00	778 80	170 30	28 46
June	1,283 59	13 05	1,065 50	614 80	120 55	19 64
Totals	$13,158 49	$356 80	$12,566 15	$9,112 15	$2,705 63	$307 64

Summary of Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1917—Continued.

	Washing	Building and grounds	Miscellaneous	Raw material	Total
1916.					
July	$165 00	$49 27	$42 29	$135 18	$3,196 19
August	165 00	31 76	41 19	594 99	4,004 30
September	165 00	65 06	41 88	4,107 26	7,398 79
October	165 00	40 14	27 74	12,225 98	15,960 81
November	165 00	80 87	52 04	1,331 69	4,953 84
December	165 00	63 15	61 07	377 51	3,920 95
1917.					
January	165 00	15 44	37 51	675 41	4,271 99
February	165 00	20 73	37 04	2,587 39	5,949 60
March	165 00	26 35	37 20	448 28	3,921 62
April	----------	13 80	37 52	1,076 60	4,141 54
May	----------	28 14	43 49	2,402 37	5,637 87
June	----------	13 43	43 89	545 61	3,726 06
Totals	$1,485 00	$451 14	$501 86	$26,508 27	$67,086 53

Value of Stock, Raw Material, Etc., on Hand June 30, 1917.

Raw material	$5,602 95
Value of stocks	585 42
Accounts receivable	4,290 19
Cash in Adult Blind Fund	11,654 89
Total	$22,133 45

Receipts and Collections for the Year Ending June 30, 1917.

1916.	
July	$1,873 04
August	2,475 15
September	2,585 54
October	3,186 88
November	3,732 00
December	2,473 63
1917.	
January	3,544 75
February	2,587 39
March	3,649 28
April	3,728 79
May	3,365 31
June	2,353 71
Total	$35,555 77

Superintendent's Cottage.

Main Drive Way.

Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1917.

July	$3,196 19
August	4,004 30
September	7,398 79
October	15,960 81
November	4,953 84
December	3,929 95
1917.	
January	4,271 99
February	5,949 60
March	3,921 62
April	4,141 54
May	5,637 87
June	3,720 06
Total	$67,086 56

The appropriations received from the state during the year were as follows: Support, $19,000.00; salaries, $12,500.00; total, $31,500.00.

The average number of inmates at the institution during the year was 128. The yearly cost per capita was, therefore, $246.10; the cost per week was, $4.75; the cost per day was, 68 cents.

The provisions alone were $13,158.49. The cost per capita for provisions was, therefore, $102.80; the cost per week for provisions was, therefore, $1.98; the cost per day was 29 cents.

The average number of persons residing at the Home during the year (including employees) was 152. The cost per capita was, therefore, $207.24. The cost per week was $3.99; the cost per day was 57 cents.

The cost of provisions alone was $13,158.49. The cost per capita for provisions was, therefore, $86.57; the cost per week was $1.16; the cost per day was 24 cents.

The year just closed has been a very prosperous one, especially, when we take into consideration the unsettled condition of the markets, and the unheard of cost of broom corn.

The broom corn which formerly cost from $85 to $125 per ton sold readily during the present year at from $225 to $265 per ton; the best selling as high as $465 per ton.

Owing to the great shortage of broom corn, we have been unable to purchase our usual spring supply; we were, therefore, forced to close our broom factory June 30, 1917, and do not expect to open until the new crop is harvested, which will be about September 1, 1917. I regret to have to make the above statement, as the closing of the shop spells disaster to the industrious blind mechanic, whose capacity for happiness is measured by the application of his hands in the productive handicrafts.

One of the chief sources of anxiety at the institution, at the present time, is: How to supply this institution with a sufficient amount of

Men's Dormitory.

Administration Building—Women's Dormitory.

water. It has proved to be a very perplexing problem. In the past our plant has furnished a sufficient supply, but as the city grows in population and importance, many wells are being bored, tapping our gravel bed, and lessening the supply received at our pumping station. A generous legislature has furnished us with the sum of $4,250 to develop an efficient water system. We intend to increase our present system of tunnels by an addition of at least 200 feet; and also, contemplate increasing the capacity of our underground storage. Our present plant is able to furnish us with only 28,000 gallons per day during the dry season. Our demands call for, at least, 50,000 gallons per day.

There are numerous other improvements which we are contemplating that will require an outlay of over $12,000. We intend to start making these improvements in the near future.

The total value of stock, raw material, etc., listed in this report represents the assets of the broom shop on the thirtieth day of June, 1917. Considering the abnormal conditions of the broom corn market during the past year, and the high cost of broom material, I feel that the results show that the manufacturing industries of the institution are in a healthy condition, which proves that the business has been carried on along safe and conservative lines with but one purpose ever in the mind of the superintendent—the protection of the interests of the blind mechanic.

There are many earnest people in the world whose heart reaches out toward the helpless and they desire to assist those who are unable to support themselves. The blind appeal in a peculiar manner to this class of people, and out of sympathy, a number of them have worked out plans, largely builded on theories, whereby the sightless can be taught a trade; a trade which will enable them to become self-supporting, useful members of society. Alas, this is but the chimera of a mind filled with theories, prompted by a heart whose sole desire is to help lighten the burden of those who are afflicted by being deprived of the priceless boon of sight; and were they able to start the industries, which they confidently believe will benefit the sightless mechanic, they would find that their efforts would not bring the results hoped for. In sadness they would realize that to help the blind one must be practical.

One must understand the peculiar nature of those, whose world is measured by the length of his arms, whose sight has been transferred from his eyes to his finger tips. The time has passed (except in rare instances) when the blind mechanic can ply his trade in competition with the mechanics whose faculties are unimpaired. There was a time when he could manufacture a dozen brooms, sell them to his neighbors, and earn a living for himself and family. That time has passed.

If the blind mechanic is to become a contented, useful member of society; if his self-respect is to be maintained, and his manhood preserved, he must learn the blessings of labor, free from the grinding monotony of eking our a meager existence in a half-clothed, half-fed physical body. The great state of California has solved the problem of life for the blind, by building and maintaining the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind; by surrounding them with the home conditions so essential to happiness, and freeing them from the hunger wolf, which so often gnaws at the vitals of the unfortunate blind who are forced for their maintenance upon the cold charity of a heartless world.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of our physician, Dr. A. F. Maine, and to thank him for the very able manner in which he performs his duties, for his affable and courteous bearing toward all, and for his willingness to answer all demands made upon his time, either day or night.

I extend my thanks to the officers and employees of the institution for their faithful and untiring devotion to the interests of the Home.

In conclusion, I desire to thank deeply your honorable body for the honor conferred upon me, and for the good will and assistance you have rendered in the execution of my charge and its duties. It has been, and shall be, my continual endeavor to carry out faithfully the responsibilities devolving upon me, and to execute the worthy aims of yourselves.

Respectfully submitted.

T. A. Williston,
Acting Superintendent.

Thirty-third Annual Report

OF THE

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OF THE

State of California

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Hon. William D. Stephens,

Governor of California.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the thirty-third annual report of the condition and work of the Industrial Home of Mechanical Trades for the Adult Blind, located at Thirty-sixth street and Telegraph avenue, Oakland.

Since the last report the institution and the state sustained a keen and depressing loss in the death of Joseph Sanders, Superintendent of the Home and the real founder of its success. His purpose was to raise the adult blind above the condition of recipients of charity and objects of pity, by making them spirited and conscious members of the producing community. To do this required a conquest of public opinion and the abandonment of nearly every plan for aiding the adult blind that had been devised before his time. All such plans had been predicated upon a supposed similarity of condition of those who lost sight in infancy and those bereft in adult age.

Working out this idea, he made this the foremost institution for the adult blind in the world, accepted in this country and in Europe as a model to be followed. Dying he left it so established on lines laid out by his genius that its impulse continues undiminished.

As his successor the Board of Directors elected Mr. Douglas Keith, who brought to the position many years of experience with the blind in other institutions and organizations. Under his skillful management the institution has continued to progress, and hampering economic conditions have been met and overcome. The well established trade in the articles of commerce manufactured by the blind inmates has been held and greatly expanded.

Superintendent Keith's report, in the appendix, gives in very interesting detail the industrial history of the Home. The attention of the legislature is especially called to the per capita rating of the institution. The total cost per capita is $282.57 per inmate per year. The cost of food per capita was $99.64 per year, or $1.92 per week. To secure such economical results discloses the highest capacity and economy of management.

The wages of the blind workmen have been increased 20 per cent. By an oversight in making up the budget for this biennium the appropriation for support was less than the needs of the institution. In this emergency the Board of Control used the Adult Blind Fund, depleting it seriously. This fund, being the earnings and profits of the shops, is intended for use in buying the material supplies required for the

shop manufactures. It is suggested that the error in amount of the lost appropriation, for which the officers of the Home were not responsible, be repaired by the legislature making an appropriation to recoup the Adult Blind Fund in the sum diverted from it for support.

The board also asks that the statutory salary of the superintendent be increased to a sum commensurate with the duties and increasing responsibilities of the position. The present salary is the least paid to the responsible head of any state institution.

The board also suggests the extreme necessity of an appropriation for another dormitory building. While the federal government has established in Baltimore a plant for the rudimentary industrial instruction of our soldiers who return blind from the war, where also will be provided skilled special treatment for those whose impaired vision may be restored, yet after rudimentary instruction it will be the duty of the states, of which these brave soldiers are citizens, to furnish them finished industrial training and in all needed ways make such provision as their condition requires. This duty will be upon our state, and this Home is its instrument for discharge of that duty. These blind soldiers can not be received with the present equipment of the Home. Another dormitory building is an imperative war necessity. Surely the legislature will hasten to make such a necessary and patriotic provision for the brave men who walk in physical darkness, because they sacrificed their sight that we might walk in the light of republican liberty.

JNO. P. IRISH,
President of the Board.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this tenth day of October, 1918.

RILLA P. YOUNG,
Notary Public in and for the County
of Alameda, State of California.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1918.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the
Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report ending June 30, 1918.

The general health of the inmates has been very good during the year.

During the past year we have admitted:

Males	10
Females	2
Total	12

Nationalities.

American	8
Porto Rico	1
Denmark	1
England	1
Turkey	1
Total	12

Causes.

Measles	1
Glaucoma	1
Accident	2
Unknown	1
Paralysis of optic nerve	3
Lead poisoning	1
Gun shot	1
Atrophy optic nerve	2
Medicinal treatment	1
Pressure optic nerve	1
Total	12

Deaths.

Cancer of the bowels	1
Acute dilation of heart	1
Total	2

Respectfully submitted.

A. F. MAINE, M.D., Physician.

Women's Shop (Chair Caning).

Men's Shop (Broom Factory)

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1918.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, June 30, 1918.

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the provisions of section 4, subdivision 11, of the act governing the Home, I herewith submit to you my report of affairs and conditions of the institution for the year ending June 30, 1918.

The year just ending is the thirty-third of the Home's existence.

Annexed hereto are presented the several statistical tables of the affairs of the Home required by law to be set forth in this report.

Officers of the Home.

Superintendent	Douglas Keith	$2,100 00
Secretary	G. S. Meredith	600 00
Physician	A. F. Maine, M.D.	1,200 00

Employees of the Home and Their Rate of Compensation per Month.

Clerk of the Home	T. A. Williston	$125 00
Assistant Clerk	C. G. Moeller	50 00
Matron	Mrs. R. E. Keith	50 00
Assistant matron	Miss E. B. Smith	45 00
Assistant matron	Miss L. Gilbert	40 00
Watchman	W. J. Keating	50 00
Engineer	J. A. Hillyer	65 00
First cook	D. McKay	75 00
Second cook	E. Rivest	40 00
Waitress	Miss Boylin	25 00
Waitress	Miss Coryell	25 00
Waitress	Miss Caswell	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. Fisk	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. Koprian	25 00
Waitress	Mrs. McIntyre	25 00
Cleaner	W. L. Robb	30 00
Head janitor and reader	J. Hamilton	48 00
Assistant janitor	W. Lawrence	30 00
Laborer	W. Compton	30 00
Laborer	E. McAverney	35 00
Total		$863 00

Inmates Employed by the Month.

Shop assistant	D. Weider	$37 50
Shop assistant	W. A. Plowman	30 00
Shop assistant	T. E. Mitchell	25 00
Teacher (men)	J. M. Thompson	25 00
Total		$117 50

Employees of the Shop, and Their Rate of Compensation per Month.

Shop assistant	F. Stultz	$40 00
Chauffeur	W. R. Saunders	35 00
Teacher (women)	Mrs. T. Dysart	30 00
Total		$105 00

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1918.

	Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of
1	W. E. Allen	June 15, 1910	19	California.
2.	A. C. Ackerman	June 30, 1916	43	California.
3	P. Anderson	Mar. 4, 1918	31	Denmark.
4	Lydia Bertschen	July 20, 1917	29	Iowa.
5	G. Bertschen	May 31, 1917	33	Iowa.
6	W. H. Boyle	April 17, 1913	51	New York.
7	M. J. Bryan*	April 6, 1909	42	Ireland.
8	Jessa Bowles	Oct. 10, 1913	26	California.
9.	F. Bautisti	May 30, 1909	41	Mexico.
10	P. M. Behan	Mar. 23, 1898	31	Ireland.
11.	J. E. Buskirk	May 6 1905	34	Indiana.
12.	Anna Brissil*	Mar. 30, 1888	38	New York.
13.	C. Berta;	Nov. 3, 1917	28	California.
14.	Isabella Cinaga	Feb. 9, 1890	29	California.
15.	Margaret Clifford	Oct. 25, 1898	25	California.
16.	C. N. Crum	June 6, 1913	47	Kansas.
17.	J. Coffey	Dec. 1, 1890	29	California.
18	E. Coleman	Aug. 13, 1907	29	Wisconsin.
19.	T. Carr	June 9, 1905	50	Ireland.
20.	M. Delgado	July 7, 1917	41	Porto Rico.
21.	Mrs. C. C. Devlis	June 3, 1914	53	Iowa.
22.	Ella Drew	Oct. 13, 1915	51	Ireland.
23.	L. Devlis	Dec. 30, 1904	19	California.
24.	Leon Dominie	Nov. 10, 1908	58	Columbia, S. A.
25.	Fred Dodge	Feb. 23, 1908	28	California.
26.	E. DeWitt	Oct. 22, 1907	32	New York.
27.	Viola Dowdell	Mar. 16, 1903	37	Virginia.
28	A. W. Dunbar	Mar. 30, 1916	51	Ohio.
29.	E. H. Esgate;	April 22, 1917	22	California.
30.	H. H. Emmerson	Oct. 6, 1915	68	Missouri.
31.	E. S. Ellsworth	June 11, 1915	69	Massachusetts.
32.	W. G. Furbert	July 20, 1916	22	California.
33.	Mrs. M. K. Foster	Sept. 29, 1916	62	Iowa.
34.	Sarah Fryberg	June 25, 1904	27	Germany.
35.	W. Flannigan	Dec. 9, 1896	35	New York.
36.	Alice Fields	June 12, 1895	25	Maine.
37.	E. H. Guthrie	Dec. 11, 1916	59	Michigan.
38.	R. H. Gittoe	Feb. 21, 1915	59	New York.
39.	J. F. Gomez	Dec. 23, 1915	49	Mexico.
40.	C. J. Gusman	Dec. 23, 1913	52	California.
41.	F. Gonzalves	July 14, 1906	18	California.
42.	Helen Gittoe	May 25, 1880	25	Germany.
43.	A. Gibbons	April 8, 1910	39	Missouri.
44	S. D. Grant	April 4, 1906	19	Michigan.
45.	J. Giblin	May 22, 1907	52	California.
46.	S. E. Henderson*	Sept. 11, 1916	33	California.
47.	R. F. Hussey	Sept. 30, 1915	43	California.
48	W. T. Hall	Nov. 29, 1915	41	Sweden.
49.	Rose Husa	Feb. 3, 1915	20	Nebraska.
50.	G. Holdorf	Feb. 22, 1915	38	Indiana.
51	G. W. Hartmant	April 8, 1913	32	Nebraska.
52.	Chra Haight†	Oct. 12, 1903	43	California.
53.	M. Hogan	Dec. 11, 1916	72	Ireland.
54.	H. Hansen	Nov. 10, 1908	63	Denmark.
55	Lizzie Hannah	Sept. 7, 1887	41	England.
56.	P. Hoban	Sept. 22, 1893	41	Ireland.
57	Pauline Howe	Feb. 2, 1889	29	California.
58	Regina Johnson	Nov. 12, 1912	37	California.
59	D. Kane	April 25, 1910	27	California.
60.	F. King	June 13, 1890	17	Massachusetts.
61.	D. Kraskey	June 16, 1890	18	Minnesota.
62.	J. C. Lilliard	Aug. 1, 1917	29	Tennessee.
63.	W. F. Kantz	Aug. 23, 1917	62	Ohio.
64	M. L. Leon†	Aug. 15, 1916	22	Texas.
65.	Rachael de La Rosa	Nov. 30, 1911	52	Mexico.

*Inmates died during the year. †Inmates left the Home during the year. 6. ‡Inmates on leave of absence. 5. Inmates admitted during the year, 12. Inmates on the roll July 1, 1917, 126. Total number of inmates on the roll June 30, 1918, 140.

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1918—Continued.

Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of—
66. S. A. Liggins	Sept. 30, 1915	50	Illinois.
67. Mrs. W. F. Kantz	Oct. 7, 1891	22	California.
68. J. Leon	May 20, 1912	44	Ohio.
69. T. Luddy	May 7, 1910	44	California.
70. W. Lang	Oct. 23, 1911	56	Canada.
71. G. McKenzie	Feb. 5, 1917	48	Scotland.
72. Clorinda M. Manget	Aug. 20, 1915	21	California.
73. Alex. McDonald‡	Feb. 3, 1915	34	England.
74. A. B. McDonald	Nov. 25, 1914	60	Nova Scotia.
75. Maud A. Murphy	June 9, 1915	22	California.
76. N. Miller	June 6, 1913	55	Austria.
77. Mrs. L. I. Morgan	Mar. 14, 1912	53	Texas.
78. J. H. Kuhle	Dec. 5, 1911	62	Pennsylvania.
79. F. A. Muswick	Oct. 20, 1913	48	Germany.
80. T. E. Mitchell‡	April 21, 1914	46	California.
81. H. H. Maxwell	April 28, 1913	48	Tennessee.
82. Celia Marks	April 11, 1911	45	California.
83. H. Moeckel	July 13, 1902	34	California.
84. Margaret Morrison	Aug. 9, 1909	48	California.
85. J. McDonald	July 12, 1906	37	Ireland.
86. Mollie McCabe	June 30, 1911	56	Indiana.
87. C. Martin	Sept. 3, 1903	44	Sweden.
88. Clem P. Martin	Mar. 22, 1888	26	New York.
89. C. S. Morgan	Dec. 8, 1904	41	California.
90. Mrs. E. Matlock	Dec. 16, 1899	35	Virginia.
91. Dorinda Mullaney	Nov. 11, 1899	27	New York.
92. J. Nolan	May 18, 1902	48	Ireland.
93. N. P. Nellson	July 28, 1903	31	Sweden.
94. J. Nall	Nov. 2, 1902	21	Illinois.
95. L. Orth	Sept. 2, 1895	37	California.
96. A. C. Pait	Oct. 26, 1917	49	Missouri.
97. E. B. Polley	Oct. 27, 1913	37	Missouri.
98. C. H. Polley	April 28, 1913	39	Missouri.
99. P. Peterson	Nov. 24, 1910	27	Norway.
100. O. Phillips	Feb. 14, 1911	20	California.
101. J. Pasco	Dec. 20, 1905	45	England.
102. J. Paulsen	Aug. 22, 1904	45	Sweden.
103. Eliza Parker	Aug. 30, 1893	46	California.
104. W. A. Plowman	June 1, 1899	46	Kansas.
105. J. F. Richards	Sept. 26, 1917	47	Missouri.
106. Johanna Redderhoff	Feb. 20, 1913	66	Netherlands.
107 W. Renneck	Mar. 20, 1907	29	California.
108. Lou. Reynolds	Aug. 15, 1916	29	Minnesota.
109. J. E. Romero‡	Jan. 28, 1917	21	California.
110. G. Richville	April 26, 1896	19	Mississippi.
111. H. S. Stevens	Nov. 3, 1917	42	Maine.
112. Caroline L. Samsom	April 3, 1918	32	England.
113. James Sperangas	May 17, 1918	36	Turkey.
114. H. S. Smith	Sept. 11, 1916	58	Missouri.
115. W. M. Sack	Nov. 10, 1916	82	Germany.
116. Margaret T. Silva	May 15, 1917	37	California.
117. Ira Sheely	Oct. 7, 1915	21	Ireland.
118. John J. Smith	Nov. 11, 1915	71	Germany.
119. C. S. Stanton	Sept. 2, 1911	46	New York.
120. C. W. Shaw	April 24, 1914	47	Michigan.
121. A. Scott	June 30, 1910	60	Ohio.
122. W. H. Smith	Sept. 5, 1901	59	New York.
123. Wm. Staggs	Nov. 1, 1888	23	California.
124. Mrs. Wm. Staggs	Jan. 30, 1908	54	California.
125. C. F. G. Scheller‡	June 18, 1917	28	California.
126. Mrs. C. Smith	Mar. 15, 1915	61	California.
127. Mrs. M. K. Smith	July 16, 1914	60	Scotland.
128. J. Sexton	April 27, 1885	42	Ireland.
129. W. Shakeley	April 29, 1893	44	Pennsylvania.
130. V. Svillicich	Sept. 15, 1908	47	Austria.
131. D. Thessereau	Mar. 30, 1907	49	California.
132. J. M. Thompson	May 30, 1900	48	Tennessee.

Names of Inmates Present During the Year Ending June 30, 1918—Continued.

Name	Date of admission	Age	Native of
1[illegible]. F. B. Taylor	June 9, 1882	45	Maine.
1[illegible]4. Thomas Weiss	Oct. 1, 1915	41	Ireland.
1[illegible]5. H. Wim	July 16, 1916	[illegible]	Nebraska.
1[illegible]6. [illegible]. F. Weber	July 2[illegible], 1916	22	California.
1[illegible]7. F. L. Wilson	Nov. [illegible], 1916	51	California.
1[illegible]8. O. C. Wilson	Nov. [illegible], 1916	[illegible]	California.
1[illegible]9. F. Woods	Aug. 2[illegible], 1910	[illegible]	California.
1[illegible]. A. Wirtz	Nov. 16, 1908	42	Germany.
111. W. Watson	Aug. 16, 1912	[illegible]	California.
112. Goda T. Wells	Aug. 25, 1905	[illegible]	California.
111. Viola Whipple	June [illegible], 1895	[illegible]	California.
111. D. Weider	Nov. 1, 1901	[illegible]	Iowa.
115. Oto Zegler	Dec. 10, 1917	[illegible]	Michigan.

Inventory of Raw Material on Hand June 30, 1918.

22,000	feet chair cane, superfine, at 72 cents	$15 84
61,000	feet chair cane, fine fine, at 72 cents	43 92
88,000	feet chair cane, fine, at 80 cents	70 40
8,000	feet chair cane, common, at $1.20	9 60
52,039	pounds broom corn, in bales, at $235.56	6,129 15
26,177	pounds broom corn, prepared, at $300	3,926 50
15,700	broom handles, cedar, at $26.30	1,201 91
19,510	broom handles, maple, at $29.85	582 37
4,300	toy handles, at $20	86 00
160	brush rods, at $14	2 24
20	pounds bluestone, at 12½ cents	2 50
258	pounds sulphur, at 4½ cents	11 61
½	pound broom dye, at $8	4 00
1,500	yards burlap, at 18½ cents	277 50
12½	pounds bale rope, at 25¼ cents	3 16
50	gross plush caps, at 45 cents	22 50
5	gross nickel caps, at 72 cents	3 60
250	pounds nails, 7 d., at $5.10	12 75
150	pounds nails, 6 d., at $5.10	7 65
363	gross broom locks, at 80 cents	290 40
370	pounds twine, red, at 64 cents	236 80
270	pounds twine, green, at 64 cents	172 80
504	pounds twine, No. 18 B. C., at 33½ cents	168 84
60	pounds twine, No. 36 B. C., at 32½ cents	19 50
34½	pounds twine, pink, at 60 cents	20 70
140	pounds grey twine, at 36½ cents	51 10
20	pounds twine, miscellaneous, at 62 cents	12 40
48	yards velvet, broom, at 55 cents	26 40
168	pounds wire, galvanized, No. 18, at $7.80	13 10
1,104	pounds wire, No. 20, at 9 cents	99 36
120	pounds wire, No. 21, at 9 cents	10 80
100	pounds rattan, at 5 cents	5 00
1,000	broom bands, 7½ in., at $25	25 00
2,500	broom bands, 7 in., at $24.50	61 25
22	pounds tacks, at 25 cents	5 50
25	pounds room staples, at 12 cents	3 00
25	pounds nails, ¾ in., at $5.10	1 28
66	pounds yellow dextrine, at 13 cents	8 58
15½	pounds gum arabic, at 60 cents	9 30
	Total	$13,654 31

Brooms Manufactured, Sold and Delivered.

Brooms on hand July 1, 1917	1,680
Brooms manufactured from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918	87,953
Total	89,641
Brooms sold and delivered during the year ending June 30, 1918	89,228
Brooms on hand June 30, 1918	413
Whisks on hand July 1, 1918	273
Whisks manufactured from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918	20,029
Total	20,302
Whisks sold and delivered during the year ending June 30, 1918	19,374
Whisks on hand June 30, 1918	928

Manufacturing Statement for the Year Ending June 30, 1918.

Brooms manufactured	87,953
Whisks manufactured	20,029
Chairs re-seated	1,857
Broom bags manufactured	3,850
Mattresses manufactured	61
Sheets manufactured	153
Pillow slips manufactured	72
Napkins manufactured	36
Tablecloths manufactured	4
Settees re-caned	2

Summary of Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1918.

	Provisions	Drugs	Furniture, etc.	Buildings, etc.	Washing	Fuel and light
1917.						
July	$2 081 86	$97 78	$463 35	$50 02	$200 00	$113 83
August	1,121 27	95 45	224 60	24 63	200 00	270 99
September	1,088 40	41 39	1 50	6 69	200 00	182 46
October	1,181 00	30 15	34 80	19 32	200 00	263 19
November	1,213 65	10 70	34 92	12 38	200 00	265 84
December	1,412 78	6 55	42 52	51 57	201 00	328 19
1918.						
January	1,436 98	17 45	132 37	11 55	200 00	401 18
February	1,405 00	16 51	31 85	139 55	200 00	380 36
March	1,597 89	34 42	14 84	61 64	200 00	136 73
April	1,376 80	3 90	27 80	110 41	176 60	290 87
May	1,452 54	19 12	83 05	91 59	175 00	476 91
June	1,141 43		46 23	37 00	175 00	381 44
Totals	$16,539 69	$374 02	$1,137 83	$646 35	$2,327 60	$3,821 99

Summary of Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1918—Continued.

	Miscellaneous	Salaries	Wages of inmates	Manufacturing department	Total
1917					
July	$27 34	$1,192 00	$272 95	$531 02	$5,040 15
August	47 74	1,193 00	177 30	5,300 00	6 651 98
September	12 24	1,192 50	411 05	3,606 29	6 772 52
October	15 81	1,104 50	752 85	1,952 28	5,584 21
November	58 84	1,072 80	747 00	8,827 67	12,473 82
December	5 47	1,062 00	796 10	3,954 06	7 830 24
1918.					
January	40 25	1,161 25	861 30	6,270 07	10,562 28
February	23 59	1,171 00	798 75	3,131 99	7,301 51
March	41 75	1,207 40	791 60	5,933 17	10,352 41
April	54 36	1,198 00	825 35	4,038 56	8,162 71
May	35 21	1,183 45	827 75	637 30	4,982 93
June	30 88	1,196 35	751 05	493 06	4,252 41
Totals	$396 18	$13,931 25	$7,956 05	$42,676 07	$89,910 33

Inventory of Manufactured Stock on Hand June 30, 1918.

45 dozen brooms, at $5	$225 00
55½ dozen toy brooms, at $1.20	66 90
17½ dozen whisks, at $1.15	20 32
Total	$312 22

Value of Stock, Raw Material, Etc., on Hand June 30, 1918.

Raw material	$13,651 31
Value of stock	312 22
Accounts receivable	5,884 30
Cash in the Adult Blind Fund	7,695 76
Total	$27,543 59

Receipts and Collections for the Year Ending June 30, 1918.

1917.	
July	$3,237 29
August	1,753 30
September	709 26
October	1,910 62
November	3,930 63
December	3,883 11
1918.	
January	6,045 55
February	4,352 57
March	6,191 82
April	6,948 19
May	1,938 64
June	6,347 73
Total	$50,251 71

Expenditure for the Year Ending June 30, 1918.

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July	$803 97
August	3,477 30
September	4,017 34
October	2,705 13
November	9,306 04
December	4,690 16
1918.	
January	4,631 37
February	3,930 65
March	6,727 77
April	6,601 95
May	3,799 46
June	751 05
Total	$51,442 19

During the year ending June 30, 1918, there has been expended for salaries and support the sum of $39,278.21, which with a population of 139 inmates shows a per capita cost of $282.57 per inmate a year. The cost of provisions for the year under review was $16,539.69. The number of inmates and employees being 166, the per capita cost on the total population in the Home was $99.64 a year or $1.92 per week for food.

The past year has been a profitable one in the industrial department. The returns of the shop being $49,714.85, while the assets have increased from $22,133.45 to $27,543.59. This increase would have been larger were it not for the fact that several thousand dollars of the fund have been used for improvements and the support of the institution. This fortunate condition of the broom trade has enabled the directors to increase the wages of the workmen more than 20 per cent. The showing of this department would have been better had the available funds of the Home been sufficient to purchase more raw material last fall. The high price of corn limited the purchase to 145 tons of corn, so it was necessary to cut down the monthly output to two-thirds the capacity of the shop. Indications are that this year's crops of corn will command a still higher price than obtained last year.

While recognizing that broom making is unquestionably the best and most profitable industry for a community of blind persons the directors have decided to enlarge the activities of the Home. With this end in view an additional teacher has been engaged to instruct in basketry, netting, weaving and other work of industrial and occupational nature, both to those in the Home and to the blind who live in their own families.

It is estimated that there are in the state 1,500 adult blind persons, most of whom are in idleness, dependency and despondency for lack of instruction and direction in industrial occupation.

The wonderful efforts put forth by the government at Washington for the rehabilation of men blinded in the war have forcefully brought to the attention of the public the condition of the blind civilians and have led to a realization of the fact that they need the blessing of occupation and not that charity which contributes to idleness. We shall undoubtedly be called upon to do our share in caring for those blinded in the war after they have received a course of training in the schools temporarily established under the direction of the Surgeon General for the rehabilitation of these men.

The officials in charge of this work have stated that it is not the intention of the government to build and maintain permanent homes and workshops for the war-blinded, but to use, as far as possible, homes and workshops already established, for the aftercare of those who need supervision and the stimulus and inspiration found only in institutions for those similiarly handicapped.

At present we have no accommodation for these men and there are many blind in this state seeking admission to the Home who can not be admitted for lack of room. It is imperative therefore that the legislature be asked to make an appropriation for a new dormitory, so that justice be done to those who have been sacrificed for the nation, and to those blind of the state who, dependent on charity, are being denied a chance to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens. It has been estimated that a building such as is required will cost $90,000.00.

On behalf of the management of the Home and those in its care I wish to express appreciation of the kindness of many friends who by devoting many hours in reading to the blind, by providing entertainments, both in and outside of the Home, have contributed to the happiness and well being of our people; and also to express gratitude to Dr. Kohlmoos who has given his professional services so freely to those needing the attention of a specialist.

For myself I wish to thank the members of the board of directors for their wise counsel and patient attention to the many matters in which I have had to seek for guidance, and also to thank the officers and employees for their hearty support and co-operation during my administration.

Respectfully submitted

DOUGLAS KEITH,
Superintendent.

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